

TWO MORE LINES BAR PASSENGERS

Danish and Norwegian Vessels
Hereafter Will Carry
Cargo Only.

MAILS ARE DEMORALIZED

Only Despatches Oversea This
Week Will Be to Spain, Por-
tugal and Greece.

Another strand connecting the people of the United States and European countries was broken yesterday by the announcement that neither the Scandinavian-American nor the Norwegian-American lines will carry passengers on their vessels while the seas are menaced by mines and submarines. The means of passenger communication with the Old World now remain.

The mail system has also been disrupted. A striking example of the few means of mail communication left is given by the official announcement of Postmaster Morgan that the only mails across the Atlantic this week are those to Spain and Portugal by the Spanish steamship Antonio Lopez, and to Greece by the Greek steamship Patria. The Scandinavian and Norwegian lines, incidentally, however, to continue the mail and freight service with Europe, but are not willing to take passengers into the danger zone around the British Isles.

The Danish steamship Hellig Øy, now loading at Hoboken, will call at Halifax for search by the British instead of Kirkwall, it was announced. Her sailing date has not been fixed.

Helmer Jacobsen, head of the passenger department of the Scandinavian Line, said yesterday that he had received a wireless message from the captain of the Frederik VIII, stating that all was well with Count von Bernstorff and his suite. The vessel was 535 miles east of Hable Island at 8 P. M. on Thursday night.

A wireless message from the Bergensfjord of the Norwegian line was received yesterday stating that the vessel would stop at Halifax to-day and reach here on Tuesday. Neither the Bergensfjord nor the Kristianfjord, which is also bound this way, carries mail or passengers.

Another American steamship will soon leave the danger zone on her way to France, Philip de Ronda, president of the Oriental Steamship Company, announced yesterday. This steamship line, which successfully dispatched the Orleans through the German restricted waters to Bordeaux, will shortly send out the Astor, which is now loading cargo here.

The American steamship Silver Shell, commanded by Capt. John Charlton, sailed yesterday for an unnamed port in France. She will take the same risks as did the Orleans and the Rochester, which recently arrived safely at Bordeaux after trips through the danger zone. The Silver Shell, which is of 2,425 tons net, is of course unarmed. There were twelve Americans among the thirty-five members of her crew.

Railroad Supply Bill Passed.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The House to-day passed a bill extending until January 1, 1918, the effective date of that part of the Clayton anti-trust law which prohibits railroads from purchasing more than \$50,000 worth of supplies annually from corporations in which railroad officers hold stock or directorates. The bill has passed the Senate.

MEN WITH TRADES JOIN ARMY.

Great Rush to Enlist Under Modified Terms of Service.

Men with trades are being eagerly sought as army recruits, and now, for the first time, a flood of applications is beginning to pour in to the recruiting stations in New York. The prospect of coming war is entirely responsible for this, although the action of the War Department recently ordering the enlistment of men between 18 and 35 for a period of one year only on active service and six years with the reserve has made the service more attractive.

Since the issuance of this order the recruiting station at 614 Eighth avenue has had an unprecedented number of applications. The trades most in demand are clerks, stenographers, automobile drivers, automobile mechanics, blacksmiths, cooks, bakers, teamsters, wheelwrights, carpenters, firemen, farmers, engineers and saddlers.

Report That They Will Be Released on March 7 Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Confirmation of advice from the Swiss Minister that the American prisoners taken into Germany on the prize ship Yarrowdale would be released March 7 was contained in State Department despatches to-day from the Spanish Ambassador in Berlin transmitted by American Ambassador Willard at Madrid.

The State Department made this announcement: A telegram to the Department from the American Ambassador at Madrid, dated March 2, 1917, states that a telegram received from the Spanish Ambassador at Berlin March 1 confirms the liberation of the Yarrowdale prisoners on February 16 and advises that they were preparing for their departure from Germany when an English member of the crew was stricken with typhus.

This obliged the German Government to quarantine the men at Brandenburg and take other sanitary measures. It is stated that the disease has not attacked any other member of the crew and that they can probably depart by way of Switzerland March 7.

The Spanish Ambassador states further that the German Minister for Foreign Affairs greatly regrets the delay and has requested that a Spanish physician be sent to testify to the truth of the foregoing. The Spanish Ambassador has therefore instructed doctors to go to Brandenburg to make a prompt report, which will be forwarded immediately.

AUSTRIAN CONSULATE ROBBED.

All Papers Removed From Safe in Office in Zurich.

BERLIN, by wireless, March 3.—A Zurich despatch reports that the Austrian consulate general there has been entered by burglars, who made away with every piece of paper on which anything was written or printed. The despatch says the theft was committed by the most expert burglars, who left behind them tools worth about 2,000 francs, and that it appears the crime was committed not for robbery but for a political purpose.

GERMANS SELLING U. S. SECURITIES

Holders Active in Liquidating Since Break in Diplomatic Relations.

It was asserted yesterday in well-informed Wall Street circles that much of the selling of railroad stocks in recent days had been for the account of German holders whose certificates had been deposited in this country. It was reported several weeks ago

that German liquidation of American securities had increased in volume, and according to information obtained by THE SUN there is no reason to doubt that the amount of American securities now held in Germany or on deposit in the United States is relatively small and that holders have been especially active in liquidating their accounts ever since the break in diplomatic relations between Washington and Berlin.

Before the outbreak of the European war Germans owned substantial amounts of American railroad stocks and bonds as well as no small amount of stock of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Among the American issues in which Germans were interested were Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Baltimore and Ohio, Pennsylvania, Southern Pacific, Atchafalaya and United States Steel preferred, the accounts being of the investment nature rather than speculative, although in normal periods German interests were active buyers on speculative operations

of Steel common and other prominent issues with a wide market. At the beginning of the war efforts were made by the Germans to transfer holdings of their American securities to this side of the water through neutral countries, and for a time receipts here of certificates for German account were heavy, some of the certificates representing direct liquidation, with a large amount, however, sent to New York for safe keeping in the vaults of American bankers.

As the movement progressed the activities of the English in searching the mails of neutral ships were effective in switching to London considerable amounts of those securities, and local bankers who have information on the subject insist that the total of German owned American securities which have fallen into the hands of the British is far larger than is generally believed. In addition to the liquidation of American securities by German holders it is stated by Wall Street interests that

there has been a heavy transfer of German interest in American and so-called German American mercantile concerns to new hands, and that in the event of the United States entering the war the amount of real German capital invested in American industries will be found to be extremely small. That absolute control of German money invested in American enterprises has been wholly withdrawn, however, is not true in the case of many concerns where liquidation of the German interest has been only a surface affair, the transfer involving the placing of accounts intrust in the hands of Americans of German extraction.

Miner Caught by Ore Fall. Philip Bond, a foreman miner, was badly injured yesterday when three tons of ore, loosened by heavy rains, pinned him in the Deane iron mine in Highland Falls. Besides broken bones and cuts, he has internal injuries.

CHINA CONSIDERING ARMED SHIP PROBLEM

Possible Invasion of Pacific by U-Boats Forecast by Formal Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Possible extension of naval warfare to the Pacific was forecast again to-day in an inquiry by a Chinese Legation official at the State Department as to what this country had done on the armed ship problem. It was stated the issue will shortly confront China, and that the experience of this country in meeting it would be of value. The Japanese Embassy here recently

asked the State Department as to the passage through the Panama Canal by armed ships, under the understanding that Japan intended to take precautionary measures against the submarine peril. Later reports from Japan said Japanese vessels, using the canal, would be defensively armed. Whether Japan intends to arm her whole merchant marine or whether China's inquiry was necessitated because of Japanese vessels armed to enter the Atlantic, or whether Chinese ports is unknown. There has been deep agitation in Japan not only because of the sinking by submarines of Japanese vessels in the Mediterranean, but also because of the fear of armed raiders entering the Pacific. A short time ago the *Nishi Maru*, a leading Japanese paper, reported that such a raider had sunk two British vessels in the South Indian Ocean. Insurance rates at once went up and means of protection were hastened.

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An Important Sale of
Household and Decorative Linens
which has been specially prepared to commemorate the opening of the new and greater Linen Department in the Madison Avenue section of the Fourth Floor, will be held on
Monday and Tuesday,
March 5th and 6th

The exceptionally low figures quoted will afford an unusual opportunity, in view of the present condition of the linen market, for securing merchandise of reliable qualities for the equipment of Summer homes, country clubs, etc., at a decided saving in expenditures.

Table Cloths of heavy linen damask each . . . \$3.40, 4.25 & 5.00
Napkins to match per dozen . . . \$4.75
Table Cloths of heavy double satin damask (circular design) each . . . \$5.00, 6.25 & 7.50
Napkins to match per dozen . . . \$6.75
All-linen Huck Towels, hemstitched, per dozen . . . \$6.50 & 8.00
Turkish Bath Towels, hemmed, per dozen \$3.75, 4.90 & 5.75
Circular Centerpieces (28-inch) of fine linen, decorated with hand-made filet and Venise laces combined with broderie Anglaise, each . . . \$9.00

Doylies to match
For tumblers . . . each 65c.
For plates . . . each \$1.50
Afternoon Tea Cloths (45x45 inches) of fine linen, decorated with hand-made filet and Venise laces combined with broderie Anglaise . . . each \$21.50
Madeira Luncheon Sets (13 pieces) consisting of 24-inch centerpiece, six 6-inch doilies and six 10-inch doilies; all hand-scalloped and hand-embroidered, per set \$5.00
Madeira Centerpieces (27-inch) hand-scalloped and hand-embroidered, each . . . \$4.25
Madeira Afternoon Tea Napkins with hand-embroidered corner, per doz. \$6.00
Linen Dresser Scarfs and Stand Covers (imported from Ireland) hemstitched and hand-embroidered . . . each \$1.75
Dresser Scarfs and Stand Covers of Irish linen, trimmed with machine-made lace . . . each \$1.40 & 2.10

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Clothes that are ready and waiting for the clear, sunny day that will inevitably make the garments one has seem out-of-the-picture, and therefore impossible. Clothes that express the latest word in style, quality and workmanship. Clothes that, to sum up all in one simple sentence, will supply the one thing needful for completing one's Spring content.

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| Tailored Suits | 23.50 to 95.00 |
| Wool Jersey Suits | 29.50 to 68.00 |
| Sports Suits of worsted | 34.00 to 110.00 |
| Sports Dresses of silk | 28.50 to 75.00 |
| Sports Dresses of worsted | 27.00 to 85.00 |
| Street Dresses of worsted | 19.50 to 85.00 |
| Afternoon Dresses | 26.50 to 185.00 |
| Evening Dresses | 28.50 to 155.00 |
| Utility and Sports Coats | 16.50 to 175.00 |
| Dressy Outer garments | 32.00 to 145.00 |

(Second Floor)

Twelve Thousand Yards of
Cotton Dress Materials

in white and colors, will be placed on Special
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marked at prices that are unusually low for
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This assortment comprises a variety of dainty
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include Sports Sweater Coats of imported grenadine in vivid but most attractive color effects.

These represent the very latest in sweater ideas—basque models, belted and lined throughout with China silk.

Slip-over Sweaters of wool jersey, with embroidered collar, cuffs and pockets.

Sleeveless Sweaters of silk, in a slip-over model with sailor collar.

Golf Waistcoats of black-and-white checked wool velour.

Shetland Wool Sweaters in many attractive varieties.

Girls' & Children's Sweaters
in all the newest models are shown
in the same Department.
(Third Floor)

Spring Coats & Tailor Suits

FOR THE GROWING GIRL
up to 16 years of age, are specially
featured in the Children's Department on the Second Floor. Many smart color effects are shown in garments of wool jersey and wool velours, while among those of quieter tone are the gabardines and tailor serges.

Several Thousand Yards of
Fine-twill Navy Blue Serge
(54 inches wide)

in the popular weight for Spring frocks and suits, will be placed on sale to-morrow at
\$1.45 per yard

Fifteen Thousand Yards of
Newly Imported Cretonnes

in an unusually attractive array of designs and colorings, will provide an offering of remarkable interest for Monday and Tuesday at the very special prices of

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